

present practicing in Sacramento, was received. Dr. A. M. Henderson showed two cases with appendectomy scars, less than an inch long, whom he had allowed up on the third day. Dr. J. White reported a case having a dermoid cyst of both ovaries, and Dr. Jones, one of Henoch's Purpura.

Dr. Turner reported the case of a nine year old boy in which a tubercular gland had suddenly sloughed into the left bronchial tube and acting as a ball valve in the trachea had finally asphyxiated him.

A committee consisting of Drs. McLean, Parkinson, Twitchell, S. E. Simmons and Briggs, was appointed to investigate conditions at the County Hospital.

Dr. Wallace I. Terry of San Francisco, read a very interesting paper on the "Direct Transfusion of Blood," and reported four cases with the favorable results he had obtained, after which the meeting adjourned.

E. C. TURNER, Secretary.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

The regular Society meeting was held November 18 at the new Santa Clara County Hospital with the following present: Drs. Jordan, Simpson, Whiffen, A. S. J. Smith, Wagner, H. B. Gates, Newell, Blair, W. S. VanDalsem, Wilson, Bangs, Reynolds, Kocher, Hall, Harris, McMahon, D. A. Beattie, Holbrook, Snow, S. B. VanDalsem, Thomas, Moyer, Fraser and Park. The guests of the Society were Drs. Benepe and C. G. Wilson. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The resignation of Dr. Wm. E. Keith was read and accepted. The legislative committee was ordered to take up with our Congressman and Senators the advisability of giving their support to the formation of a National Department of Public Health.

The following resolutions introduced by Dr. Wm. Simpson were adopted:

"It is hereby resolved by the Santa Clara County Medical Society that we favor the passage of the bill at present before Congress, placing the salaries and chances of promotion of the officers of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service on the same basis as those of the medical officers of the Army and Navy, and

"It is further resolved, that the members of this Society pledge themselves to use their best endeavors with the Senators and representatives in this State to the end that this bill may be enacted, and

"It is further resolved, that the Secretary be and is instructed to place this resolution on the minutes of this meeting and forward copies to each member of the California delegation in Congress, the Secretary of the American Medical Association, and the Secretary of the California State Medical Society."

Transfer cards were received from Drs. J. L. Benepe and C. G. Wilson, and they were duly elected as members. Dr. D. A. Beattie presented a paper entitled "Uterine Fibroma," and also brought specimens demonstrating his remarks. The paper was discussed by Drs. Fraser, Hall and McMahon. County physician Dr. Gates brought three patients before the Society, for clinical observation and discussion. After the meeting was over, those present were taken on a tour of inspection over the new hospital buildings and grounds. The hospital staff served a delicious supper to the members and a very pleasant social hour was spent.

K. C. PARK, Secretary.

YOLO COUNTY.

The regular annual meeting of the Yolo County Medical Society was held Tuesday evening, Novem-

ber 24th. Dr. Neil D. Gunn of Pacific Grove, spoke to the Society on the subject of tuberculosis, with special attention to its treatment by tuberculin. It was a most excellent lecture and was received with great enthusiasm.

The same officers were re-elected, Dr. T. W. Gallion, President, and F. L. Newton, Secretary-Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

A banquet was served at the close of the meeting, when the Society entertained Dr. N. K. Foster of Sacramento, Rev. Clarence Reed of Alameda, Miss May Dexter, County Superintendent of Schools, and the six high school teachers of Woodland, and upon the advice of the Society, Miss Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, invited Dr. Gunn to speak at the Teachers' Institute, which is now in session, on "Tuberculosis," and Dr. Foster to speak to them on "School Hygiene," on the afternoon of November 25.

F. L. NEWTON, Secretary.

"PHENALEIN" OR "PURGEN."

A correspondent kindly sends in a circular he received from the Pax Chemical Co., of Oakland, referring to a wonderful new purgative, the essential ingredient of which is our old friend phenolphthalein. This is the basic drug in "purgin," referred to in these columns some months ago and later exposed by the Journal A. M. A. Its use is by no means without danger. There must be a good many doctors who learn their materia medica from the advertising literature of "manufacturers," or the flood of these things would not be.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The fortieth semi-annual meeting of this very flourishing society was held at Santa Ana, December 2 and 3. The attendance was large, in spite of the weather which was rainy, and the meeting was in every way a successful one under the presiding hand of Dr. Frank Garcelon, and the executive guidance of Dr. Jos. M. King, the secretary. A number of very excellent papers were read during the sessions of the two days, and the banquet on Thursday night was a distinct success. A strong committee on legislation was appointed and funds for its incidental expenses were appropriated. The society went on record in no uncertain terms as to the desirability of sustaining the present medical law. The next meeting is to be held six months hence at Long Beach, Dr. F. R. Burnham, San Diego, President.

HERZSTEIN LECTURES.

This series of lectures, under the auspices of the University of California, was given during the month of December, in the rooms of the Century Club, San Francisco. The lectures were by T. Brailsford Robertson; the subject was The Proteins.

ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS WORK.

There are at least two active centers of anti-tuberculosis work in our state, Los Angeles and San Francisco. In the latter city Dr. Evans and Dr. Sherman are having very good success in the line of public meetings and no small portion of their work is given to presenting the case to the various labor unions. In the south, Dr. Mattison and Dr. Kress have held a number of public meetings and several more are programmed. They find the use of lantern slides a very valuable adjunct to the lecture work. In San Francisco the movement has received excellent financial backing and a dispensary or out-patient clinic exclusively for tuberculotics is soon to be established.